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Catalogue of
NOVELTIES
...and...
SPECIALTIES



PLANTS
...BULBS...
FRUITS

...OFFERED BY...

A. BLANC & Co.
314 & 316 N. ELEVENTH ST.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., U. S. A.

TO THE TRADE

NOVEMBER
1895.

NOVELTIES are the staff of life. So said a very prominent seedsman lately, and he ought to know, inasmuch as he acknowledges having made his fortune and reputation on novelties only.

For some time we have been collecting a number of good things for the trade, and it is with some degree of pride that we offer the very fine selection described in this catalogue. We should call special attention to "**The Green Chrysanthemums**" and others, the **Clematises** grown on their own roots, **Geranium Double New Life**, **Justicia Velutina**, **The Golden Rambler Rose**, **Climbing Meteor Rose**, **Double Rudbeckia**, **Shamrock Pea**, **Solanum Wendlandi**, **Spiraea Anthony Waterer**, **Tecoma Smithii**, **Vitis Coignetiae**, all of which are plants of sterling merit.

OUR NEW CANNAS are the well-merited result of years of labor of our Mr. Antoine Wintzer. We offer them with the full confidence that they are far more desirable than any of the French varieties introduced of late years at ridiculously high prices. They are unique in color, size and floriferousness. Our **Canna Alsace** is as near an approach to a **pure white canna** as can be expected. Moreover, we offer them at popular prices.

THE NEW FRUITS are certainly the most remarkable offered for years. **The Logan Hybrid Berry** and the **Strawberry-Raspberry** are unique among fruits, while the **Bismarck Apple**, offered for the first time in this country, will be found of the greatest value.

IN SEEDS we offer the **Golden Cosmos**, **Imperial Ipomoeas**, **Dwarf Yellow Pea**, described below, and **Physalis Franchetti**, a mammoth fruiting **Winter Cherry**, to which we call especial attention as a most desirable novelty.

THE NOVELTIES introduced by us last year, all of which have been extensively taken up by the trade, are still grown by us, and can now be offered at lower rates. They include such good things as **Allamanda Williamsii**, **Bougainvillea Sanderiana**, **Caryopteris (Blue Spiraea)**, **Carex Japonica Variegata**, **Coleus Mrs. Sander**, **Peperomia Metallica**, **Rose Crimson Rambler**, **Solanum Rantonnetti** and **Seafortianum**, **Strobilanthes**, **Thysacanthus**, etc.

All our plants are grown by our Mr. Antoine Wintzer, at West Grove, Pa. His thirty years' experience as a propagator and rose grower should be sufficient guarantee that our stock will be found first-class.

TERMS are those usual to the trade. Unknown customers should send cash in advance or first-class references. Single plants will be mailed free at prices quoted. Not less than 12 plants of a kind at dozen rates nor less than 50 at hundred rates will be sent. All plants, bulbs or fruits travel at risk of purchaser after being delivered to express or railroad company.

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A NOVELTY IN SEEDS.

THE DWARF YELLOW PEA.

CROTALARIA RETUSA.



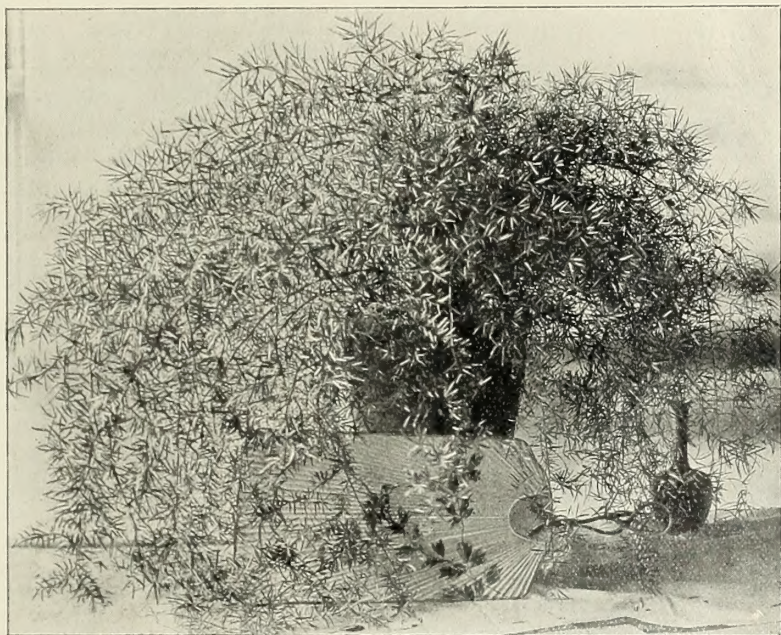
The Dwarf Yellow Pea. Electro, \$2.

GOLDEN YELLOW SWEET PEA, **Dwarf Golden Sweet Pea**, and other sweet names, will, no doubt be given to this otherwise very beautiful yellow-flowering plant, by those who will offer it next season. True, it is dwarf, and its flowers, produced in dense clusters, are certainly like sweet peas in form, and of a brilliant golden yellow, more vividly set off with a blotch of maroon on the wing, but the delicious odor of the sweet pea is not so apparent to us. No matter under what name, however, it is a most delightful plant, belonging to the pea family, blooming early and long like them, and in the utmost profusion, a field of plants on the grower's place, being, it is said, a **perfect sheet of gold**. A bunch of these flowers placed in water or mingled with sweet peas will form a rich effect and be very long lasting. As a pot plant, nothing could be more beautiful, and being an annual it commences to bloom very soon. It is evidently rare, as we fail to find it mentioned in the Dictionary of Gardening. We've shared the stock with a prominent seed-house and offered it to the trade, at \$1 per ounce, or \$12 per pound. Plants, 20 cents each, January, 1896, delivery.

NEW AND RARE PLANTS, BULBS AND FRUITS

For 1896, Offered and for Sale by

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia



New Asparagus Sprengeri.

Asparagus Sprengeri.

Florists who have seen this new Asparagus are delighted with it. Its very rapid growth, whether in the open or indoors, gives us quickly an abundant quantity of fine decorative material of much greater length and lasting properties than other Asparagus. Mr. Robert Craig, who has seen and grown it, says: "It's a good thing." He ought to know. In Europe it has obtained many certificates, and there it is grown extensively. The fronds are frequently four feet long, and, therefore, useful for many purposes. It is not only a plant that will be grown in large quantities by florists, but it is decidedly a useful and suitable parlor plant, as it withstands dry atmosphere and will grow well in shade or sunlight; wherever cut flowers are employed extensively this Asparagus will be found a necessity. It produces good-sized bulbs and multiplies rather rapidly. Our photo shows what it is.

Strong roots, 35 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$18 per 100. Extra large roots, 50 cents each; \$5 per 12; \$30 per 100. Price of electro, \$3.50. A. BLANC & Co., Philadelphia.

Mr. F. W. Burbidge writes as follows in *The Garden*, of November 9, 1895:

"ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.—I consider this one of the most distinct of all in-door species. It well merits the attention of all interested in greenery for bouquets, wreaths and sprays. It is most handsome seen drooping gracefully and naturally from pot or hanging basket. It has been much admired by visitors. The growths thrown up in a free and plumose manner, 4, 8 or 10 feet in length, of a fresh, light or apple green hue, admirably adapted for all delicate decorations indoors. I have had FRONDS IN WATER THAT WERE QUITE FRESH SIX WEEKS AFTER CUTTING.

"The wonder is that such a distinct plant has not long ago found its way into Covent Garden Market by the hundred, seeing that it grows so freely, and remains fresh and fair all the year round. It should, as it deserves, soon become known to growers of select decorative material."

NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR 1896.

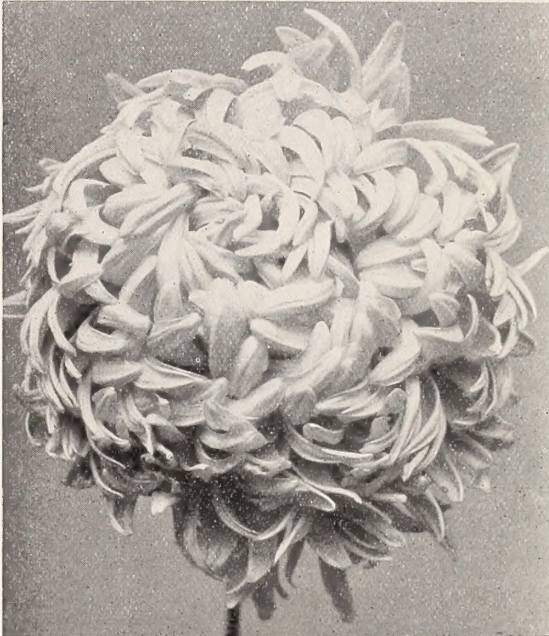
WILLIAM SIMPSON.

The Prize Chrysanthemum of Philadelphia. The best pink seedling and the largest flower. Exhibited for the first time at the Philadelphia Chrysanthemum Exhibition this season; awarded the silver medal for the best American seedling, besides a certificate of merit and the first premium for six blooms of the best pink seedling. The able judges, Messrs. Edw. Lonsdale, Robert Craig and William K. Harris, gave it 86 points out of a possible 100; and report that in their estimation it is a great acquisition among **early large flowering pink sorts**.

It is a Japanese incurved. Color a pleasing shade of pink, brighter than Maud Dean. Flowers very durable. Those that were judged on the 5th of November, at Philadelphia, had been cut on October 24th. Some of the flowers judged measured 10 inches across, and one measured 11 inches in diameter. The strong points in favor of this seedling are **earliness** and **size**. (From *Garden and Forest*, in which will be found a full-page illustration).

This is one of the very finest and largest Chrysanthemums ever raised. 3 cups costing \$175 will be offered for best vase, 12 blooms of W. SIMPSON, by Pennsylvania Horticultural

Society, 1896. **Price, 60 cents;**
\$6 per 12; \$35 per 100.
Delivery March 15, 1896.



New Chrysanthemum, William Simpson. Electro, \$2.

New Hairy Chrysanthemum.

"YELLOW PLUME."

A very valuable acquisition among hairy flowered Chrysanthemums. Color entirely new in this class, being a **pale primrose yellow**, of the purest shade, unmixed or tarnished with red or brown. Petals gracefully incurved, with a sufficient number of reflexed petals to make the flower just perfect. An early and profuse bloomer, plants in 3-inch pots having borne as many as ten flowers at one time, while larger specimens bore flowers 6 inches in diameter.

Price, 40 cents each; \$3.50 per 12;
\$25 per 100.

NEW COLEUS, GOLDEN KING.

A distinct and beautiful Coleus. Each leaf, when matured, is of a magnificent old gold color, quite distinct from any other member of the family. When young, the leaves are of bright, clear yellow, slightly tinged with pale green; large, crenated, crisping and undulating beautifully at the margins.

NEW COLEUS, FASCINATOR.

A bold, vividly colored plant of good habit, each leaf a complete picture, so vivid are the colors and so pleasingly are they arranged. The central part of each leaf is a wedge-shaped mass of glowing crimson, with dark blotches of dark purplish maroon.

COLEUS EMPRESS OF INDIA.

The leaves of this magnificent variety are of enormous size, creamy yellow at the base, suffused with emerald green, with a central band of deep purple, the ground of the leaf being a deep magenta-crimson intermixed with maroon, and growing deeper towards the margin until the edges are almost black.

COLEUS PRINCESS OF WALES.

A splendid variety. The ground color of the leaves is bright magenta, spreading flame-like over the leaf with crimson-chocolate markings intervening. The edges are very deeply toothed and margined with creamy yellow and bright green. At the base of each leaf there is a patch of creamy yellow with orange yellow and emerald green mosaic markings.

COLEUS PRINCE ALBERT EDWARD.

Monstrous leaves, of a beautiful pale chrome color splashed with emerald green at the base, bright crimson lake being the predominating color. Leaves also exquisitely serrated.

Price of any of the above five varieties of Coleus, now 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12;
\$15 per 100. One of each, April 1st, for 75 cents.

Two Green Chrysanthemums.

EMERALD GEM.

In the garden of the Emperor of Japan dwelt a flower so rare and beautiful that it was guarded day and night by armed watchmen, lest some enthusiastic Christian demon might venture to rob it of a bud or cutting. This, at least, is what the wily Japs are wont to relate to us—probably an excuse for the fabulous prices they ask of those in search of new and rare plants. The watchman may have exacted a heavy bribe, or murder may have been committed, for all we can tell, as we are certain that our plants cost us their weight in gold. Thrice were they sent to us, and each time were they dead.

The fourth time we saved one plant, from which we have been fortunate in propagating a limited number of others, not in time, however, to bloom this fall; hence we describe it by the very fine colored painting made on the spot by a native artist. A duplicate of this will be sent on receipt of 15 cents.

The flowers are depicted as really superb, fully six inches across, with gracefully incurved petals and of perfect form, the color of the flowers a light

EMERALD GREEN,

with sufficient white at the base of the petals to bring them out boldly from the dark foliage.

Should it prove to be as represented, we will deliver plants on February 1st at **50 cents each; \$5 per 12; \$30 per 100.**

The Green Chrysanthemum, "Ethel Amsden."

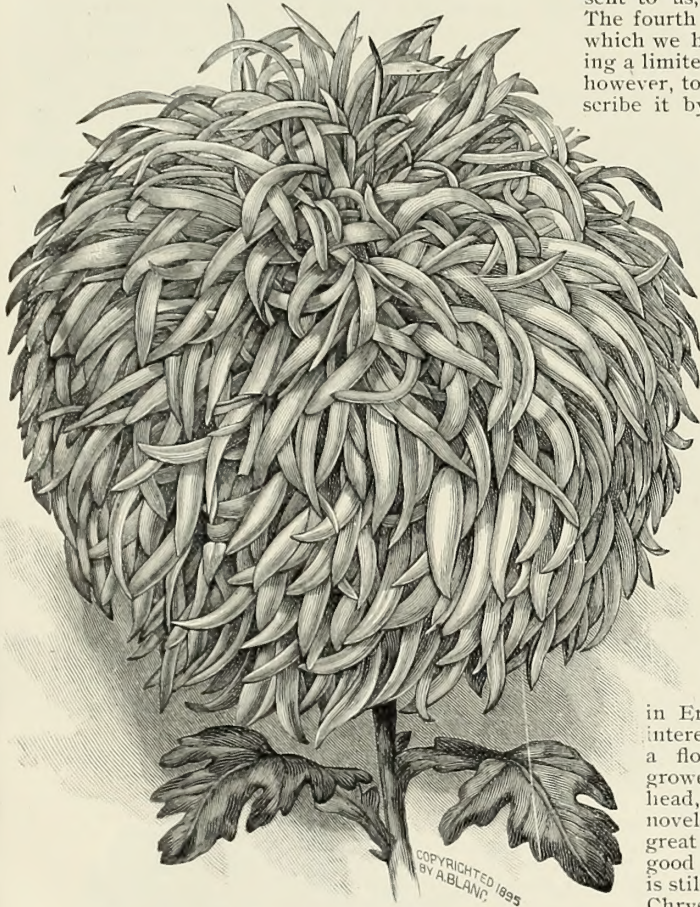
Quite a sensation occurred in Europe this year upon the announcement of the appearance of a *green-flowered* sport of Viviani Morel simultaneously in England and France, and much interest was manifested in so curious a flower. That so well-known a grower as Mr. Owen, of Maidenhead, England, should send out this novelty is sufficient guarantee of its great merit. The plant has all the good qualities of its parent, which is still considered one of the very best Chrysanthemums. Not having flowered it in this country, we reproduce Mr. Owen's engraving, which is, no doubt, accurate. The color is described

as a clear light green, sometimes tinged faintly with pink, which enhances its richness.

It is quite evident that these two very novel Chrysanthemums will be the centre of attraction at all Chrysanthemum shows for years to come, and will have an immense sale as cut flowers. A **GREEN-flowering** Chrysanthemum was supposed to be as much of an impossibility as a **BLUE-flowering** one, and the charming contrast this will effect when placed among other colors must be apparent, while a single vase of these would simply cap the climax of novelties.

Price, 50 cents each; \$5 per 12; \$30 per 100.

We now have a trio of green flowered plants, the Chrysanthemum, the Dahlia, the Rose. A. BLANC & Co.



New Green Chrysanthemum, "Ethel Amsden."
Electro 8440. \$4.00



COSMOS SULPHUREUS.

(The Golden Cosmos.)

To us the plant was a surprise as a Cosmos. Young seedlings set out late in the spring began to bloom almost immediately, covering the delicate, glossy, fern-like foliage with a **solid sheet** of golden yellow flowers, and not rising more than 15 inches above ground. This color and habit, being entirely unknown among Cosmos, will certainly secure a place for it as an edging to the older sorts, which are usually tall growers and late bloomers. **20 cents each; per 12, \$1.50; \$8 per 100. Seed, \$3 per ounce; \$2 per half ounce.**



Although sent out by the Geneva Botanical Garden, this plant, since printing this catalogue, is said to be a "Bideus."



A Bed of Golden Cosmos.
Electro, \$4.50.

KALANCHOE MARMORATA.

Specimens of this noble plant were sent to Kew for figuring in the *Botanical Magazine*, by Mr. Thos. Hanbury, of La Martola, Italy, whose magnificent garden is known the world over. It was discovered in Abyssinia, in the province of Ifat, by Mr. Petit, a French botanist. The leaves are frequently 6 to 8 inches long, pale, silvery green, blotched more or less with purple; younger leaves orange green with red spots. Flowers in large branched panicles, often **12 INCHES IN LENGTH**. Corolla creamy white to yellow. The plant grows in any soil, **even roughest kind**, and endures much ill treatment; requires scarcely any attention. Our plants, although received from authentic sources, do not as yet—owing perhaps to their young state—show such a very pronounced blotching as depicted in the colored plate of the *Botanical Magazine*.

Price, 30 cts. each; \$3 per 12.

Kalanchoe Coccinea, a rare succulent plant, with beautiful ornamental foliage, of a glistening silvery brown color, and dense panicles of brilliant red and yellow flowers. A sure and very free bloomer, especially in winter; not new, but rare. **25 cts. each; \$2.50 per 12.**



Kalanchoe Marmorata. Electro B. 5553, \$2.50.

NEW CLEMATIS STANLEYI.

THE OSTRICH PLUME CLEMATIS.

This remarkably handsome species of Clematis was received from the Transvaal. The foliage is very remarkable as a Clematis, the divisions varying much in size and color, some having a beautiful silvery sheen from innumerable silky hairs while others are less hairy and quite green. The flowers are also large, often over 3 inches in diameter.

In describing this species in *The Garden*, Mr. Watson states that the flowers remain fresh for **about a fortnight**, which is certainly longer than any other Clematis we know of. The color varies considerably, from rich puce to rose, and almost pure white, the beauty of the flowers being much enhanced by the central mass of golden yellow stamens. These are followed by fruit, terminating in long, silvery, feathery awns, which are described by Mr. Galpin, the first introducer of this plant, as being as elegant as **a bunch of ostrich plumes**. Is suitable for the garden, and also for the greenhouse in pots. Specimens in flower, or with their silver plumes, are a magnificent sight.

Price, 50 cents each;
\$4 per 12; \$25 per 100.



Clematis Stanleyi. Electro, \$3.50.

PINK CLEMATIS, MADAME BARON VEILLARD.

This, the *Pink Clematis*, is also a new plant of great merit, quite equal to the above in every respect, differing from it in that the color of the flowers is of the most delicate satiny pink lilac. Extremely hardy, vigorous in growth and a profuse bloomer; well tested in this country.

A YELLOW CLEMATIS "GRAVEOLENS."

Flowering species from Thibet; hardy and fragrant.

CRIMSON CLEMATIS, MADAME EDOUARD ANDRÉ.

This fine Clematis was first exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, in the French Department. It attracted the attention of the trade, owing to the brilliancy of its flowers, which are of the **most vivid crimson**, extremely large in size, and produced in the greatest abundance, even on plants of smallest size. This color is unapproached by any other Clematis, and has won high praise for it here and abroad. It is a rapid grower, hardy, prolific and continuous bloomer.

Prices of above, 30 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100.

NOTE.—All our Clematises are grown **ON THEIR OWN** roots by a specialist, and therefore far superior to grafted plants. Prices are for 1-year-old plants. Larger plants, 50 per cent. *extra*. We can supply also **Andre Leroy, Belle of Woking, Duchess of Edinburgh, Countess of Lovelace, Fair Rosamond, Henryi, Paniculata, Davidiana, Jackmanni, Madame Granger, Sieboldi, and others.**



Clematis Madame Edouard André. Electro 5263, \$4.

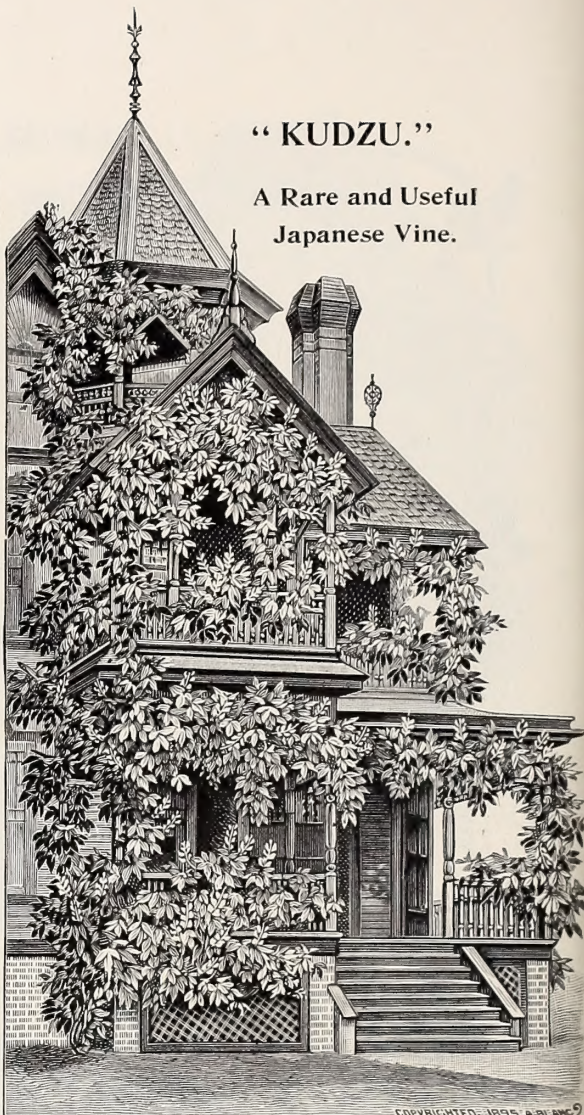
DOLICHOS JAPONICUS.



Dolichos Japonicus in Mr. Thomas Meehan's Garden.
Electro 5459. \$3.00.

"KUDZU."

A Rare and Useful
Japanese Vine.



Dolichos Japonicus (Japanese Vine). Electro B. 5461. \$1.00.
Climbing over Porches and Balconies.

This highly interesting Japanese vine, known also under the name of *Pachyrrhizus Tuberosus* and *Pueraria Thunbergiana*, is not a **new** plant, but is very little known in this country.

When great authorities like Messrs. A. H. Olmstead, Thomas Meehan, and Mr. Watson of the Royal Kew Gardens, speak so highly in its favor in *Garden and Forest*, and recommend it as the most rapid-growing vine known (sometimes 13 inches in one day), we can well follow in their footsteps, and offer the stock that we have propagated. It is not only a decidedly beautiful vine, but it also possesses economic values of the greatest importance. The Japanese **Kudzu** is a vine with tuberous roots, from which an excellent starch is made. The stems are prepared in various manners, and a kind of cloth is made of them. In the village of Takamura alone, it is said that over \$ 0,000 worth of this cloth is made. The leaves are also used **as fodder for cattle**. The plant is, of course, perfectly hardy, the leaves are of large size like those of the bean, the flowers purple, in large clusters. Its rapid growth should make it valuable for covering porches, arbors, fences and stumps of trees.

Our No. 5459 shows to what good use it can be made for growing over a dead stump. The view was taken in Mr. Thomas Meehan's Nurseries.

Price, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$15 per 100.

A very interesting and lengthy account of this valuable plant will be found in that interesting French work, "Le Potager d'un Curieux," by Paillet & Bois.

NEW GERANIUM—DOUBLE “NEW LIFE.”

The sensation which the Single New Life Geranium created when introduced in England is well remembered.

The **DOUBLE New Life**, as may be judged from our very faithful illustration, is a much greater sensational departure in every way. The outer florets are large, of a brilliant red; in the centre of these appear another semi-double floret, pure white in color, effecting a charming contrast, difficult to realize unless seen, and having the appearance of being produced artificially.

This very novel geranium was lately sent out in England by subscription at a fabulous price.

An expert geranium grower is raising our stock. **Price, 25 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$8.00 per 100.**



A Bloom of Double New Life Geranium.
Electro No. 5469. \$3.50.



Double New Life Geranium. Electro No. 5470. \$3.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE IPOMOEAS.

Those who grew these last year would scarcely believe that such gorgeous flowers could exist and yet be unknown. The colors are simply indescribable, and in endless variety. The immense size and diversified forms of the flowers are a revelation. The double flowering and Petunia-flowered sorts are really grand. Sales of seed to the extent of a thousand dollars this fall is sufficient proof that they are being boomed.

SEED, first quality, single, \$10 per pound; second quality, \$5. Double flowering sorts, first quality, \$40 per pound; second quality, \$20. Five named sorts, single, \$1 per ounce. Ten fine colored plates for 50 cents.

IVY LEAF GERANIUM, “RYECROFT SURPRISE.”

Perhaps the very best of all new Ivy Leaf Geraniums introduced. It originated with Mr. H. Jones, the celebrated English chrysanthemum grower. The flowers are of largest size, very double, almost resembling a pink rose. **Price, 20 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100.**

GYNURA AURANTIACA—THE VELVET PLANT.

A Rival to the Strobilanthes—Far more beautiful in Color.



Gynura Aurantiaca (Velvet Plant). Electro, \$3.

Price, 30 cts. each; \$3 per 12; \$20 per 100.

NEW DWARF JUSTICIA "VELUTINA."

This New Dwarf Justicia, so highly praised by Mr. Louis de Vilmorin in the *Revue Horticole*, is really a much finer and dwarfer plant than our engraving, made from an imported specimen, suggests. Everyone knows the tall, lanky, straggling habit of the old Justicia ROSEA. This new sort, which is now grown so extensively by Parisian florists, begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves, and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant, frequently covered with 20 to 50 large pink flower-heads, lasting a long time. The foliage is also more persistent and highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. Mr. de Vilmorin's endorsement of this, as a market plant, should be sufficient guarantee of its value. It's the plant for the florist to grow in quantity. It was lately shown at the National Horticultural Society's exhibition at Paris, and, at Ghent, a plant with 50 flower spikes received well-merited awards.

Price, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12;
\$15 per 100. After February, 20 cents
each; \$2 per 12; 10 per 100.



New Justicia Velutina. Electro B. 5491, \$3.50.

New Double Golden Rudbeckia.



Electro, \$5.
Flowers, separate, \$3.50.
Plant, separate, \$2.50.

A glorious new plant, and one that will find a place in every garden here and abroad; of fine habit, vigorous growth, with early, continuous and immense blooming qualities; it will be found excellent also for cut flower purposes, inasmuch as the stems are long, and often carry a dozen flowers furnished with beautiful foliage. A large vase filled with these flowers is a beautiful sight. *Gardening* says of it:

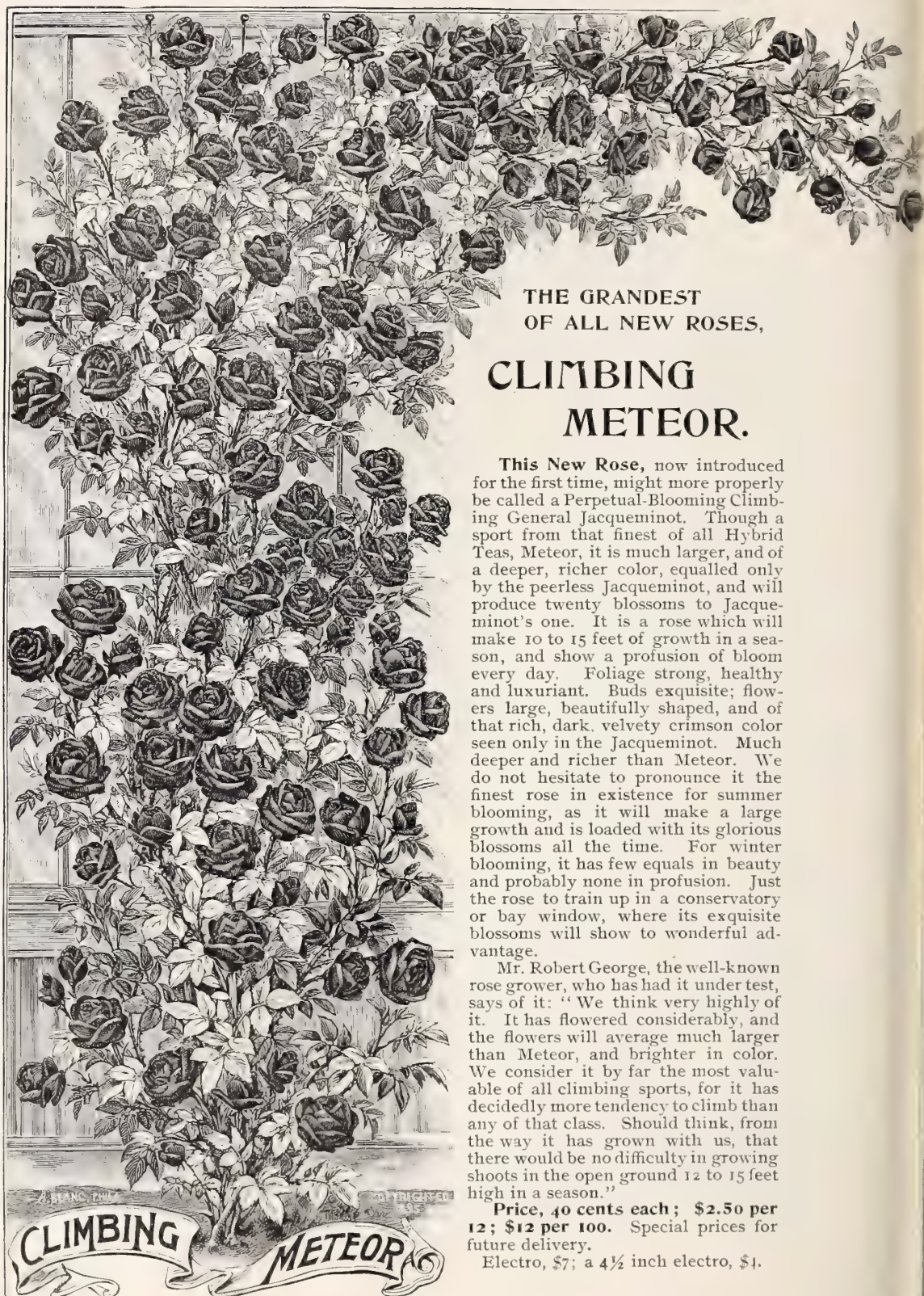
In this month's *Horticultural Trade Journal* we read: "A large, double-flowering, Golden-Yellow Rudbeckia will be a leading plant novelty next year." We are glad of it, for it is a good thing, and more elegant and beautiful than the double-flowered sunflower (*Helianthus multiflorus*, fl. pl.). We got a little plant of it last winter, and in the spring planted it out in the garden in good soil. It is now 6 feet high, much branched, the branches inclining upwards and in bloom. **We hail it with delight as being one of the most distinct and beautiful large growing, hardy perennials that have been introduced for years.** (WM. FALCONER).

Price, 40 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$12 per 100.

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia.

RUDBECKIA
GOLDEN GLOW

New Double Rudbeckia, "Golden Glow."



THE GRANDEST
OF ALL NEW ROSES,

CLIMBING METEOR.

This New Rose, now introduced for the first time, might more properly be called a Perpetual-Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot. Though a sport from that finest of all Hybrid Teas, Meteor, it is much larger, and of a deeper, richer color, equalled only by the peerless Jacqueminot, and will produce twenty blossoms to Jacqueminot's one. It is a rose which will make 10 to 15 feet of growth in a season, and show a profusion of bloom every day. Foliage strong, healthy and luxuriant. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. Much deeper and richer than Meteor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the finest rose in existence for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with its glorious blossoms all the time. For winter blooming, it has few equals in beauty and probably none in profusion. Just the rose to train up in a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage.

Mr. Robert George, the well-known rose grower, who has had it under test, says of it: "We think very highly of it. It has flowered considerably, and the flowers will average much larger than Meteor, and brighter in color. We consider it by far the most valuable of all climbing sports, for it has decidedly more tendency to climb than any of that class. Should think, from the way it has grown with us, that there would be no difficulty in growing shoots in the open ground 12 to 15 feet high in a season."

Price, 40 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$12 per 100. Special prices for future delivery.

Electro, \$7; a 4½ inch electro, \$4.

A GOLDEN RAMBLER.

Truly this is the age of Ramblers. **Crimson Rambler** set the pace.

The **Golden Rambler** follows.

The **White Rambler** is coming.

What a charming combination these

three gorgeous novelties in Roses will produce, trained on porches, arbors or covered avenues!

The **Golden Rambler** is a seedling Rose, raised by **Mr. A. H. Gray, of Bath**, the celebrated rosarian, who says of it:

IT FLOWERS IN CLUSTERS—EARLY AND LATE—WELL INTO NOVEMBER. I HAVE KNOWN IT TO MAKE A GROWTH OF 15 TO 18 FEET IN ONE SEASON.

The Garden, of June 14, 1893:

The flowers are much like *Perle d'or*—a *Polyantha* variety. This new kind is evidently of vigorous habit and free flowering, and distinct.

The raisers speak of it as follows: "We sent out this fine novelty this spring, recommending it as a companion to **Crimson Rambler**; and though we had seen it, and had full proof of its autumnal character, we had no idea of its perfectly continuous flowering habit. Our plants have, the whole summer through, been positively laden with bunches of beautiful miniature perfect *Polyantha*-like buds of straw and orange yellow.

"Whether for decorative display as an ever-blooming climber, or for cutting, it will be most useful, and we think very highly of it. Our experience of this rose, from flowers produced on young plants, leads us to emphatically confirm these favorable comments, and we are glad to have the opportunity of introducing it to the public. A variety which, whilst growing to a height of 18 feet in one season, will produce large clusters of small, brightly colored, perfectly formed flowers; seems to us to meet a long felt want—a really hardy **yellow autumnal Flowering Cluster Rose**."

It won a certificate of merit at the National Rose Society's show, also an award of merit at the Royal Horticultural Society.

THE GOLDEN RAMBLER was sent out this year at \$2.50 per plant. Our price for delivery February 15, 1896, 75 cents each; \$7.50 per 12; \$50 per 100. For later delivery, price per correspondence. Electro shown here, \$5; others in preparation.

A. BLANC & Co., Philadelphia.



SAXIFRAGA TRICOLOR SUPERBA.

A GEM OF MANY COLORS.

Were the reader to see the magnificent colored plate published years ago by that great lover of fine plants—Mr. Louis Van Houtte—he would call it an exaggeration—an idealization. Not so, however. Plants that we have seen are far more beautiful. Such shades and markings of **CREAMY WHITE, DELICATE PINKS, ASHY GRAYS AND EMERALD GREENS**, each leaf distinct, no two ever alike, cannot be reproduced on paper. Our plants have them. We should call it "The Gem of Many Colors" to make it popular.

It will delight and please you. Its masses of flowers are not unattractive, either. We have just one thousand plants, and they are doing finely. Indeed, it is one of the very best and easiest plants to manage, even by beginners, and is so easily propagated by the



Saxifraga Tricolor Superba.
Electro 5537, \$2.

running offsets, which droop gracefully over the edge of pot or basket, that it is rather a wonder it should be so scarce here, while in Europe, houses full are grown of it.

Price, 40 cents each; \$3 per 12; \$20 per 100.

SAXIFRAGA UMBROSA VARIEGATA.

A fine variegated leaved form of the "London Pride," cultivated in England by the million—quite distinct from Sax. Tricolor—leaves long, in the form of rosettes, handsomely variegated with yellow, white or light green. Fine spikes of delicate white flowers; perfectly hardy, a very pretty plant. **40 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

RUELLIA DEVOSIANA.

Olive Green, Striped Silver.

Grown in the same pot or basket with the "Gem of Many Colors." This new Ruellia would effect a charming contrast. Its very dark olive green velvety leaves, distinctly lined with bands of silvery white and entirely purple beneath, would act as a background to the white and pink leaves of "the Gem," drooping as they do, well below the pot, and sometimes completely hiding it. Grown by itself it is very decorative, especially when covered with its white flowers. A hand-

THE FRINGED SOLDANELLA.

Schizocodon Soldanelloides.

The Fringed Soldanella, now offered for the first time to the trade, was first imported alive, from China, by Major Torrens, of England, and received a first-class certificate. A colored plate of it appeared later in *The Garden*. It is certainly one of the most beautiful plants ever seen. The bright, shining, emerald-green foliage, and the campanulate flowers, so delicately fringed and gracefully marbled with carmine, form a picture rarely seen in the garden. It proved hardy in England and with us last winter. It makes also an elegant pot plant.

Price, 50 cents; \$5 per 12.



The Fringed Soldanella.
Electro B. 5533, \$2.50.

branches will remain fresh for weeks if placed in water. It grows as easily as a Geranium, but prefers shade and moisture. **Price, 25 cents each; \$2 per 12.**

THE SHAMROCK PEA.

PAROCHETUS, OR BLUE OXALIS.

A Charming Rock Plant. None Better for Hanging Baskets.

The distinguished Louis Van Houtte, the greatest plant lover of the century is our idol.

Would that he were alive to-day and could embellish our homes and gardens with the hundreds of rare and beautiful plants which he himself collected in all parts of the world, and brought with him to Ghent for his royal patron, the King of Belgium! Over 2,000 colored plates did he publish in that matchless and unapproachable work, "Flore des Serres." True, it cost him a large fortune, but what a treasure for a lover of plants!

His portrait of this, **The Shamrock Pea**, took our fancy; but, where was it to be had? Not one among the hundreds of catalogues from all parts of the world mentioned it, not even Kew Gar-

dens; when, lo! a Scotch gardener calls the attention of plant lovers to it, and kindly sends us some seeds. It is just an elegant little beauty!

Leaves like an Oxalis, dark emerald green, frequently marked with a "peacock eye," as shown, and, trailing gracefully upon them, glisten like a mosaic the divine flowers, of most beautiful cobalt blue, set off with a pink centre. Not another flower like it. Pardon our enthusiasm. It's not a sunflower, but a little jewel—and you can buy it for a trifle, too. As a pot plant it has few equals, and it is also most desirable for the rock



Parochetus—The Shamrock Pea. Electro, \$2.50.

garden and for choice positions in a light, warm soil; also for pot and basket. **Price, 25 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100.**

THE USAMBARA VIOLET.

SAINTPAULIA IONANTHA.

"A Jewel from Central Africa."

This remarkable Gesnerad is undoubtedly one of the most valuable introductions of the present year. It was discovered on the Usambara Mountains in Central Africa, growing in fissures of rocks, by the gentleman whose name it bears. Mr. Saintpaul Illaire, Governor of the district. The plant forms a tuft of dark green, fleshy, slightly hairy leaves, reddish brown beneath, and from their midst arise numerous branched stems, bearing a profusion of deep violet blue flowers, of the



The Usambara Violet—Saintpaulia ionantha. Electro B. 5535, \$1.50.

form of a large single violet. The clear violet blue color becomes deeper towards the centre, where it contrasts effectively with the deep golden yellow stamens. It blooms continually the entire year, and especially during the winter months. Twice has it been color-plated in Europe, where it has been highly commended and certificated. Grows in ordinary soil, mixed with peat; prefers plenty of water. Grown from seed, it blooms in a few months.

Price, 50 cents each; \$4 per 12. Seeds, 20 cents per packet.

SOLANUM WENDLANDI.

One of the most promising novelties of recent introduction is this climber, which, although not a new plant, strictly speaking, has only recently been made available to cultivators on this side of the Atlantic. No climbing plant of my acquaintance will cover so much space in a short time as this one. Our plant was a small one, set out in a bench in a greenhouse, and in six weeks covered as many feet each way with a strong growth of rich, dark foliage and many large heads of flowers, some of these over a foot in diameter. The individual flowers open in succession until all have expanded, so that each head of bloom is a thing of **beauty for at least a month.** The flowers are nearly **two inches** in diameter, and of a pale lavender blue. I saw it recently growing in the Succulent House at Kew, where it was luxuriating in full sunshine and plenty of air, and it seems to me that there is a use for it as a *summer climbing plant for outdoor planting in this climate.* Of course, in warmer sections it should prove hardy, and it would then be a deciduous plant. (Extract from letter by E. O. Orpet, South Lancaster, Mass., in *Garden and Forest.*)

Solanum Wendlandi.

"Two beautiful Solanums are Seaforthianum and Wendlandi. They are really valuable plants, though, unfortunately, seen only in botanic gardens. We have never noticed Wendlandi anywhere except at Kew, where there are two splendid specimens, one in the Succulent House and the other in the Water Lily House. We have described it before, but mention it again, as it seems always in bloom, bearing a free display of the heavy masses of mauve blue flowers, which are individually of very large size ($2\frac{3}{4}$ inches across, in clusters of over 100). It is a superb climber."—*The Garden*, November 4, 1893.

With us the plant has done beautifully; planted in the open ground it commenced to bloom immediately; bunches of flowers three feet in circumference actually laying thickly upon the ground; the hotter the situation the more glorious. Mr. R. Maitre, the well-known florist of New Orleans, writes as follows: "The Solanum Wendlandi you sent me is grand; it has made a growth of 30 feet, has been in bloom continuously; you deserve great credit for introducing it at such a low price." **Price, 50 cents each; \$3.50 per 12; \$25 per 100.**

A. BLANC & Co., Philadelphia.



Solanum Wendlandi. Electro B. 5360. \$4.50. Note size of single flower

THE CRIMSON SPIRÆA, "ANTHONY WATERER."

The Ideal Florist's Plant. Fine for Easter Blooming.
Never Out of Bloom.

This is such a remarkably valuable novelty that we particularly solicit our customers to read this rather lengthy description:

Nearly a year before its introduction by Mr. Waterer (November, 1894), *The Garden* published a very fine and accurate colored plate of it. Mr. Goldring, of Kew, also spoke of it in *The Garden* as follows: "It is one of those **exceptional novelties** that occur only at rare intervals, adding in a conspicuous way to the rich and varied flora of our gardens. It outshines all Spiræas in brilliancy of color, a bright crimson. It is also much dwarfer and of denser growth, and a much profuser and more persistent bloomer, and is not out of bloom during summer and autumn. It originated at Knapp Hill Nursery, and Mr. Waterer quickly perceived in the variety a **rare gem**. As soon as he distributes it, *it will be but a question of time when we shall see it grown for the market, as it is 'the ideal of a pot plant for the florists.'*"

"As an instance of its continuous and abundant flowering character, I add, that on the last day of September I saw a large number in full bloom, and some plants, not more than fifteen inches high, had *twenty flower clusters open at one time, and had been producing bloom in like manner since June.*" It has been awarded first-class certificate by the Royal Horticultural Society and wherever exhibited.

The Garden later says: "**Certainly one of the most beautiful shrubs of recent years**, and which will be in great demand when it is distributed. It well deserves all the honors bestowed upon it." Let us add that we have grown thousands of plants of it, that they begin to bloom when only a *few inches high*, and not only during summer and autumn, but during the whole winter, and will make an excellent pot plant for Easter decorations. For bedding this will take the place of all other Spiræas. A. BLANC & Co.

From **Garden and Forest**.—Spiræa Anthony Waterer is another **Star plant**. We have a bed of it at the Royal Kew Gardens, and it attracts everybody's attention. The flowers are a rich crimson, and borne thickly on the plants in large corymbs, which, although not exceeding a foot in height, have flowered freely and continuously since the beginning of summer. Mr. Waterer says it is as good in its way as a bedding geranium, and some people would say it is better.—*W. Watson, of the Kew Garden.*

Extract from a letter by Prof. W. F. Massey, N. C. Agr. Exp. Sta.—We are delighted with Spiræa Anthony Waterer. Our little plants, set from three-inch pots last spring, have been in profuse bloom all summer and are still blooming (September 25th). Their dwarf habit and numerous flowers will make it valuable for borders of shrubbery. With us the flowers are of a more brilliant color than S. Bumalda.

From Mr. E. S. Carman, in *Rural New Yorker*.—"Spiræa Anthony Waterer is but a foot high and is still blooming freely, the color being one which we have never seen in any other variety. For this reason alone it is a choice acquisition."

Could we have but two Spiræas, we know of none we would choose in preference to Anthony Waterer and Bumalda."

Almost every plant shows a tendency to produce variegated leaves, a valuable feature.

We are quite sure that **this new Spiræa** will become a standard plant, and will be grown by florists by the thousands for forcing and for cut flowers; being perfectly hardy, no garden should be without it, and as a window plant it will certainly be popular. Our cut was made from what we thought at the time a fair specimen, but this has been eclipsed by hundreds of others since. **Price**, plants from 3-inch pots, **25 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$8 per 100.** Fine 2-year-old field-grown plants, **40 cents each; \$3 per 12; \$15 per 100.**



Spiræa Anthony Waterer.
Electro B. \$5.40, \$2.50. Other Electros in stock.

THE DWARF TECOMA—TECOMA SMITHII.

A remarkable novelty from Australia, belonging to the Trumpet Creeper family, but always growing in dwarf bush form. It has bloomed for us in the open ground from seed planted this spring, and we endorse everything said in its favor. As many as 100 flowers are sometimes produced on a single shoot, the total height of which is not more than 18 inches. The flowers are over 2 inches in length, of a rich lemon and dark orange color, flushed outside with a reddish tone. A first-class certificate was awarded to it in England.



It is conspicuous for the length of time it remains in bloom; it is flowering now (January 13th) at Kew, and was also in full beauty last autumn, its showy flowers, especially at this



Tecoma Smithii.
Electro B. 5549, \$5.
Plant or Flower separate, \$3.

Tetranema Mexicana.

(Mexican Foxglove.)

This charming plant is new in this country. We have grown it, and it is never without its numerous bunches of pretty purplish-blue flowers from January until December. Its very neat foliage contrasts elegantly with the flowers. A first-class window gem, which can be grown by everyone. **Plants, 20 cents each; \$1.50 per 12; \$8 per 100. Seed, \$1 per 1000.**



The Mexican Foxglove.
Electro, \$1.50.

season, creating a welcome mass of bright color. It is likely to become much grown for indoor decoration. Mr. E. Guilfoyle, of the Melbourne Botanic Garden, reports that in Australia it flowers during at least nine months of the year. —*Gardeners' Chronicle*.

Price of Plants, 30 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$12 per 100.

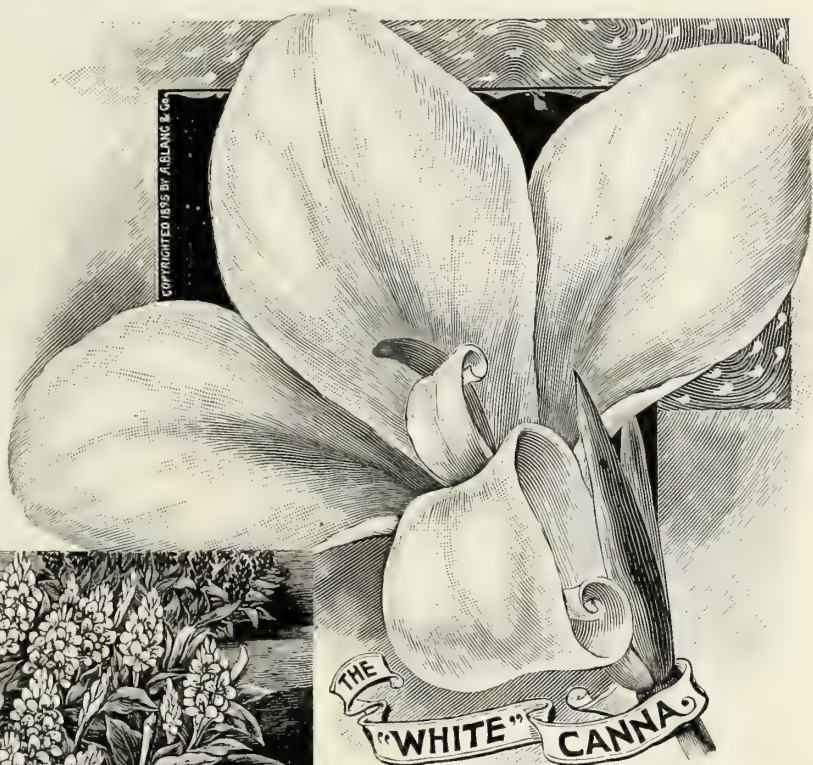
Tecoma Smithii is one of those easily managed plants that can well be recommended to every lover of flowers. It is especially useful for blooming in winter.

NEW AMERICAN CANNAS.

We are aware that **new Cannas** are regarded with suspicion; we've had "experience" ourselves, having bought **all** the new ones brought out within the last five years, and retaining, perhaps, not more than a dozen of them.

For years our Mr. Wintzer has been hybridizing Cannas, and he has now produced some remarkable varieties, far superior in many respects to any of the Crozy types grown in this country.

We offer them with every confidence that they will give satisfaction, and will be found **entirely new**.



THE WHITE CANNA
"ALSACE."

A vigorous grower, with clear green foliage, 4 feet high; produces from 12 to 18 shoots in a season from a single eye; an **early and continuous bloomer**. Spikes of flowers full, dense, crowded with flowers, which, upon opening, are of a delicate sulphur yellow, changing very soon, however, to a **CREAMY WHITE** without spots. We had a row of 1,000 plants, which,

while in bloom, was a solid mass of **white**, a grand and novel sight. It is decidedly the most desirable canna for its unique color, and will be indispensable wherever contrast in color for bedding is required. Having accumulated a considerable stock, we have, notwithstanding the great novelty of the plant, made the price very low. **50 cents each; \$5 per 12; \$30 per 100.**

Alsace is an out-of-door canna, and cannot be forced during winter.

CORONET.—Semi-dwarf, bright green foliage, might be called a **clear yellow**, being absolutely **without spots**, and only a trace of orange russet on the smaller petal, just enough to show depth to the flower. Entirely distinct from any of the Crozy types. Flowers 5 inches or more across, often with 5 petals, free bloomer. **60 cents each; \$6 per 12.**

FAIRY QUEEN.—Seldom over 18 inches high, same colors as Queen Charlotte; the yellow, however, instead of edging the petals, is mottled or marbled, and even more so on reverse of petals; best form and excellent as a pot plant. **50 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

FAVORITE.—Two to 3 feet high, foliage bluish green, flowers large, petals $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, well rounded and of good form. Color, the "**pure RED**" (?) of Mr. Matthews' color chart, which is more of a Jacqueminot; continuous bloomer. **40 cents each; \$3.50 per 12.**

NEW AMERICAN CANNAS—Continued.

GIANT CRIMSON.—Very vigorous, bold foliage, 5 feet high; flowers very large, produced on immense trusses, twice as large as any French sort, petals well rounded, $1\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 inches wide, color **glowing crimson spotted with maroon**, and which, overtopping all others, produce a brilliant effect. An early and prolific bloomer, more showy and effective on our grounds than the famed Columbia. **60 cents each; \$5 per 12.**

GOLDEN GEM.—Nearly **pure yellow**, fine for pot culture and for indoors, while outside it blooms even after frost covers the ground. **50 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

IMPROVED QUEEN CHARLOTTE.—Flowers larger than the type, usually with 5 petals, color also more intense, larger trusses, freer bloomer; will undoubtedly take the place of its parent. Stock small. **75 cents each; \$6 per 12.**

MARIGOLD.—A **rich orange** color, with less scarlet or salmon than any so-called orange; flowers very large, of excellent form, petals $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, foliage dense, glaucous green, seldom over 2 feet high. **50 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

PHILADELPHIA.—2 to 3 feet high, **bright scarlet** flowers, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches across, petals $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ wide, not reflexed, a glowing color, pronounced by Mr. Wm. Falconer as the **finest red Canna** in his collection, which includes all the best varieties known. It will supersede all others of similar shades. **60 cents each; \$5 per 12.**

PINK EHEMANNI.—A seedling of Ehemanni, but unlike it, a "good keeper," dwarf, not over $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, yet robust, continuous bloomer, flowers not drooping like the parent, but upright, petals broad, pronounced by Mr. O'Mara and Mr. Davis, of Messrs. Peter Henderson & Co., a **true pink**, a shade entirely **new** among cannas and a grand variety. **60 cents each; \$6 per 12.**

PRIMROSE.—Vigorous grower, 4 to 5 feet; foliage quite leathery, resisting strong winds; petals short, rounding, of heavy texture, color a **pure sulphur yellow without spots**; flower spike remains fresh for a week after being cut; has also bloomed with temperature down to 36° without being injured. **50 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

ROSE OF MAY.—Color a **clear pink**, free from salmon, very pleasing contrast with richer shades; flowers medium size, but produced in very large clusters, and profuse, free bloomer, 2 to 3 feet. The change of color between fresh and faded flowers is very marked and beautiful. **50 cents each; \$4 per 12.**

We send the entire collection of 12 new American Cannas by express for **SIX DOLLARS**, and will refund the amount paid for any Canna that does not prove satisfactory. Our stock of these is small, and present prices will be maintained by us during the **season of 1896.**

Florence Vaughan.—Undoubtedly one of Mr. Crozy's most distinct and valuable productions. The flowers are of the *most perfect* form, petals broader than Mme. Crozy, and more rounded at the ends. Good Gladiolus form; color a *brilliant golden yellow*, dotted with bright scarlet; produced in constant succession the entire summer. Introduced by Mr. J. C. Vaughan, which is sufficient guarantee of its merit. **Price, 20 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$8 per 100.**

CANNA—ALBA ROSEA GRANDIFLORA.

Undoubtedly this is the *most* distinct of all Cannas introduced lately. While the flowers are not so large or so perfect as those of other sorts in our possession, yet the unique color distinguishes it from all others, being a delicate flesh, or creamy white, shading to pure pink towards the centre of the flowers. Moreover, they change almost to pure white after being open for a few days. The trusses often measure 2 feet in circumference, and stand well above the bright green foliage. **Price, 20 cents each; \$1.50 per 12; \$8 per 100.**

The Variegated-Leaved Canna.—Leaves striped with white and light green. **25 cents.**

MR. CROZY'S SET OF 1895.

Consisting of **DIRECTEUR ROEHL, Mlle. LISKA LORENZ, CONSTELLATION, ANTOINE RIVOIRE** and **PRESIDENT CARNOT**, at **\$1 each**. While these prices are higher than those of our own introduction, the plants are really inferior in value, and stock is limited.

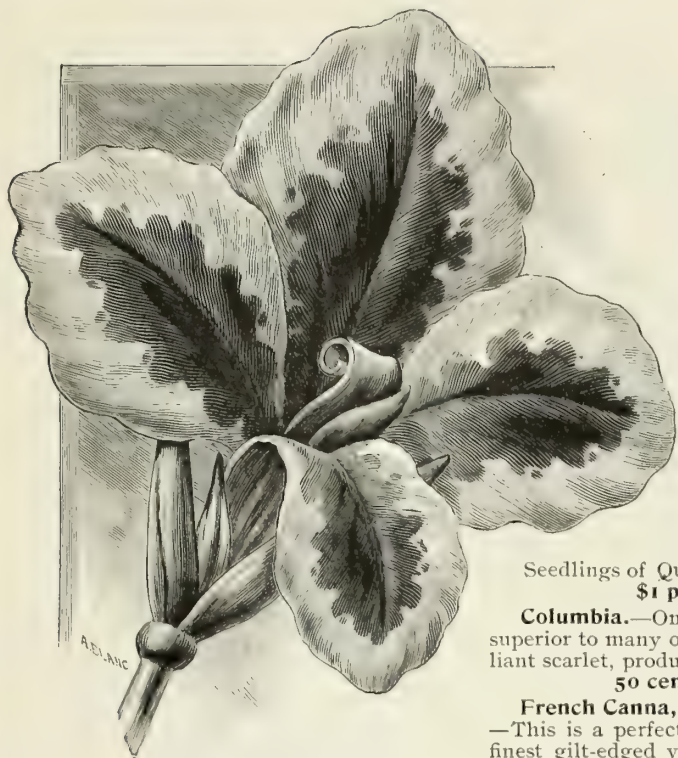
MR. CROZY'S SET OF 1894.

Consisting of **ADMIRAL AVELLAN, AMI PICHON, BARON M. DE HIRSCH, Belle Bordure, Comte de Bouchaud, General de Miribel, Gloire Lyonnaise, Ingegnoli Fratelli, John Laing, J. Farquhar, Millet Fils, M. Forgeot, Mme. Ch. Molin, Mme. Camille Dugas, Madame de Montefiore, Paola Radaeli, President Chandon, Rose Unique, Treyve Marie, Van den Berg, Jr.**, at **20 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100**. One set of the 20 sorts, by express, for **\$3.**

We supply fifty Cannas in fifty named varieties, by express, for **\$5.**

MIXED CANNAS.—A choice assortment of the very best sorts in mixed varieties, unnamed, **\$2.50 per 100; \$20 per 1,000.**

MIXED CANNAS.—Crozy and American types sent out as novelties, **\$10 to \$15 per 1,000.**



Canna, Queen Charlotte. \$3. Electro B. 5428.

and dazzling, and are bordered with a broad rich golden yellow border. Souv. d'Antoine Crozy and Queen Charlotte retain their rich colors planted in the hottest sun. In habit the plant is all that could be desired, being of strong, vigorous, but dwarf habit, forming symmetrical, compact plants about 3 feet high. **Price, \$1 each; \$9 per 12.**

Chicago.—4 feet; green flower truss and stalk stand boldly erect. The large flowers open out nearly flat, petals $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and five in number; in this respect the **Chicago fairly out-classes all Cannas**, the fifth leaf adding much to the blossom and the flower spike. The color is a clear, deep vermillion, smooth and without markings, except a purplish gloss. **Price, 75 cents each; \$8 per 12.**

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CANNAS

OF RECENT INTRODUCTION.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

When seen in groups, or even singly, the brilliancy of this fine Canna dazzles the eye. The intense velvety crimson is enhanced and more vividly brought out by the broad golden band so well shown in our engraving. The plant is sturdy and compact, the flowers stand well above the handsome, Musa-like foliage. Each main stem is followed by lateral shoots, thus ensuring an unbroken succession of flowers. No other Canna has ever attained such immediate popularity.

**30 cents each; \$2 per 12;
\$10 per 100; \$80 per 1000.**

Seedlings of Queen Charlotte, **15 cents each;
\$1 per 12; \$5 per 100.**

Columbia.—One of the best introduced to date; superior to many of the Crozy types; color, a brilliant scarlet, produced in large trusses.

50 cents each; \$5 per 12.

French Canna, "Souvenir d'Antoine Crozy."

—This is a perfect gem, and in our estimation the finest gilt-edged variety yet introduced; the flowers are large, with well-rounded and crimped petals, which are of the most intense scarlet crimson, rich

and dazzling, and are bordered with a broad rich golden yellow border. Souv. d'Antoine Crozy and Queen Charlotte retain their rich colors planted in the hottest sun. In habit the plant is all that could be desired, being of strong, vigorous, but dwarf habit, forming symmetrical, compact plants about 3 feet high. **Price, \$1 each; \$9 per 12.**

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Arisaema Fimbriata (Purple Fringed Calla).
Electro B. 5426. \$2.50.

Few Begonias equal it in profusion of bloom (a delicate rose) nor in beauty of foliage, a dark olive green above, while underneath the color is a light greenish gray, entirely interlaced with carmine veins, producing a beautiful effect. We have measured leaves 8 inches in length.

Bulbs, 10 cts. each; 75 cts. per 12; \$4 per 100.

HAEMANTHUS KALBREYERI.

There is, perhaps, no more gorgeous flower in existence than this *Hæmanthus*, nor are there many bulbs that bloom so freely. Early in the spring it produces fine bold spikes, terminating in a dense globe, composed of hundreds of bright scarlet flowers, from which stand out a dense mass of golden anthers, the whole frequently measuring nearly 3 feet in circumference! Lasting in beauty for many weeks, a wonderful sight to behold and admire. The foliage is also highly decorative, of dark velvety green, ribbed, and the leaf and flower stalks are densely covered with blood-red spots. The bulb grows as easily as a *Caladium*, and blooms very freely. We had hundreds in bloom in cold frames last spring.

It is still catalogued at \$5 each by the few European houses who are fortunate enough to have it.

Price, 75 cents each; \$5 per 12; \$35 per 100.

We are still headquarters for **BLACK CALLAS**, at \$6 and \$8 per 100. **YELLOW CALLAS**, at \$1 each. **LITTLE GEMS** and **SPOTTED CALLAS** at current prices.

Our list of trade bulbs will be sent upon application.—A. BLANC & Co.

PURPLE FRINGED CALLA.

ARISAEMA FIMBRIATA.

This is, perhaps, the most remarkable of all the Callas. Of two thousand bulbs imported by us, not one failed to bloom this Spring. Many of the flowers were 8 inches in length. The color is a **deep purple**, marked lengthwise with lighter transparent stripes and marblings—a most beautiful effect. The foliage is also highly ornamental, very large, often measuring 15 inches wide, and substantial, bright green; but what is still more remarkable is the peculiar fringed or hairy tail-like appendage projecting from the flower. It is one of our best introductions and is sure to give satisfaction, as it grows even easier than a *Calla*. When in bloom it is most wonderful to behold, and when out of flower its very bold foliage is sufficiently ornamental for any purpose.

Fine blooming size bulbs, 75 cents each;
\$6 per 12; \$35 per 100.

HARDY JAPANESE TUBEROUS BEGONIA, EVANSIANA.

A native of China and Japan, which has proved to be perfectly hardy, at least in Pennsylvania.



Hæmanthus Kalbreyeri. B. 5485. \$3.50.
Half-tone cut, same price.

NEW DAHLIAS.

"GRAND DUKE ALEXIS."

Without exception, the most unique Dahlia, as well as one of the grandest ever introduced. In size, we have frequently seen it 18 inches in circumference, of most beautiful and symmetric form; none finer; color, ivory white; the petals, which are tubular in form, being just sufficiently opened at their extremity to show a faint shade of blush or peach color, greatly enhancing the whole effect. A most admirable flower for cutting, as they remain fresh much longer than any Dahlia we know of. The plant is an elegant and robust grower, with large, dark foliage, and bloomed freely for us during the past dry season, when nearly all other Dahlias failed. It has been highly praised in France and England whenever exhibited, and is now offered here for the first time.

Roots, 50 cents each; \$4 per 12; plants March 15th, 30 cents each; \$3 per 12; \$15 per 100.

Electro, 4 x 5½ inches, \$4; electro, 6 x 7½ inches, \$6.

NEW DAHLIA "COLOSSUS," THE LARGEST DAHLIA KNOWN.

We grew this French variety last year, and were perfectly amazed at its enormous size, and yet of good shape; flowers measuring 7 and 8 inches across were not uncommon! Of fine decorative form; deep red wine color; long stems, good for cutting; vigorous habit. All those who wish to have a surprise in their garden should grow it.

Plants March 15th, 30 cents each; \$3 per 12.

NEW DAHLIA "MRS. PEART."

The WHITE CACTUS DAHLIA.

The raiser of this says: "It is an honor of no mean merit to introduce to commerce a novelty of such great importance and possessing so many attractions as this. It is a plant that has been long sought for. There is no question about this variety being **THE FIRST REAL WHITE CACTUS DAHLIA EVER RAISED**, and a marvellous improvement upon every variety in cultivation. Is admired wherever exhibited. It is of medium growth, exceedingly floriferous; the flowers standing well above the foliage;



New White Cactus Dahlia,

"MRS. PEART."

Electro, \$4.

NEW DAHLIAS—"MRS. PEART"—Continued.

pure white in color, with the exception of a slight tinge of lemon in the centre, which, however, soon disappears. Awarded several certificates in England.

Roots for immediate delivery, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$12 per 100.

To demonstrate the value of this Dahlia, we merely state that another White Cactus Dahlia is now being offered in England at \$5 per root, in lots of not less than 100!

NEW CACTUS DAHLIA "MATCHLESS."

Perhaps the best Dahlia ever raised. **HAS BEEN AWARDED 18 FIRST-CLASS CERTIFICATES**, which alone will prove how it was appreciated last season. Color, an intense **VELVETY Maroon**; flowers, 6 to 7 inches across; petals long and well twisted, and a marvellously free bloomer.

NEW CACTUS DAHLIA "MARY HILLIER."

Exquisite in form, unique in color, possessing many points superior to all others of this shade, so rare among Cactus Dahlias, **A CLEAR, RICH SALMON COLOR.**

NEW CACTUS DAHLIA "LADY PENZANCE."

A magnificent novelty, a model of a good Cactus variety, perfect in every way; dwarf habit; remarkably free blooming; flowers well above the foliage, of a **rich, deep yellow**, quite distinct from **Blanche Keith**. Awarded honors wherever shown in England.

BLANCHE KEITH.—An improvement upon all the yellows up to date, and of the true "Cactus" form. The petals are long and twisted, very full and evenly arranged, and of a uniform **Rich Yellow** throughout; remarkably free blooming, the flowers standing well above the foliage, and the plant not more than 3 feet in height. Awarded **First-Class Certificates**.

BEAUTY OF WILTS.—The color is unique, and a very pleasing one, and was one of the great attractions at all the exhibitions last season; petals long and much twisted, of a **rich soft terra-cotta, shaded with red**; very free in flowering. **First-Class Certificates**.

ERNEST GLASSE.—By far the best of the Cactus group of this particular shade. The flowers are of medium size, petals long and twisted, of a real Cactus form, of a **rich purplish magenta**, and produced on exceptionally long, wiry stems. **First-Class Certificates**.

J. T. BARBER.—This is a sterling novelty; it is almost impossible to beat it in color or in form. Dwarf, free blooming, and the flowers standing well above the foliage, while the color is a **dazzling scarlet**. The flowers are very full, the petals long and twisted, and the whole plant not exceeding 3 feet in height. Sure to receive many honors.

GLORIOSA.—Sure to prove an acquisition and meet with general approbation. The flowers are of medium size, most beautifully formed; petals numerous, but not too crowded, long and narrow, and regularly twisted throughout the flower. The color is a **rich velvety crimson**, and without a question by far the finest Cactus variety yet raised.

BERTHA MAWLEY.—A very novel and pleasing variety. It is distinct in form, like some Japanese Chrysanthemums; flowers large; florets long and spiral, tapering to a point, the flowers standing well above the foliage on stiff, wiry stems, of a **rich Cochineal Color**, shaded violet, distinct from all others, and really first-class. Awarded **two First-Class Certificates**.

COUNTESS OF GOSFORD.—In general character somewhat resembles preceding, the florets very long, tapering to a point, and regularly curling, giving it a very **grotesque and singular appearance**. It is a marvellous improvement upon all the old varieties; there is nothing like it, and must become exceedingly popular. The color is a **rich cinnamon**, shaded towards the centre with gold, and one of the finest of the season. Has been awarded **Three First-Class Certificates**.

COUNTESS OF RADNOR.—Is unique in color; a combination of the most delicate shades of **orange, bronze, yellow** and other intermediate shades, blended together very harmoniously; the flower is of medium size, and intermediate between a Cactus and Decorative variety; exceptionally free blooming, and one that will be found in every collection as soon as it becomes better known. Has been awarded **Three First-Class Certificates**.

KAISERIN.—Another very novel and pleasing variety; a true Cactus, flowers large, of a **rich sulphur yellow**, the outer florets tinged with **lemon**, a very soft, pleasing shade, and very distinct in every way from any previously offered. It is also exceptionally free blooming, the whole of the plant being covered with flowers all the season, and on this account will be much appreciated for cutting purposes. Has been awarded **Three First-Class Certificates**.

MAY PICTOR.—Far ahead of anything yet seen in the Cactus Dahlias; the color is a soft yellow, florets long and beautifully twisted, very full and exceptionally free flowering; one of the finest of the dwarf Cactus Dahlias and a decorative plant. **Three First-Class Certificates**.

DELICATA (the Pink Nymphaea).—The great sensation, and one of the most popular of this family. Form, perfection; flowers of medium size, standing well above the foliage, on stiff,

NEW DAHLIAS—Continued.

wiry stems, and one of the freest in bloom. The color is a **lovely shade of pink**, shading towards the centre to a **pale yellow**, a pleasing combination. It has been awarded many certificates. There is scarcely a winning stand without this variety. It may well be called the **Pink Water Lily Dahlia**, as it cannot be distinguished from a water lily when cut.

PRICE of the above 15 new Cactus Dahlias, dry roots, now, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$12 per 100. One of each of 12 Cactus Dahlias, our choice, for \$3.

We can furnish 50 other Cactus Dahlias at 20 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100.

NEW "ROSE PINK DAHLIA."

"Mrs. John Arnold," a Florist's Dahlia.

Dahlias have already found favor among florists for cut flower purposes; indeed, we know that thousands of "Nymphaea" Dahlias were sold here this year at higher prices than paid for roses. In the new **ROSE PINK DAHLIA** sent out by us now, we have a variety even better suited for decorative purposes, its stems being very long, yet with some foliage, and its color a **PURE ROSE PINK**, just the color needed by florists. As such, it was recently awarded a certificate of merit by the R. H. S., and also by the N. C. S. It is an exceedingly free bloomer.

Roots now, 50 cents each; \$4 per 12; \$20 per 100. Plants, March 15th, half price.

NEW AMERICAN DAHLIAS.

FERN-LEAVED BEAUTY.

Foliage distinctly cut, like that of a strong growing fern, and, as such, useful for many decorative purposes. Habit of plant strong, yet dwarf, branching near the ground and forming a compact mass of foliage. Flowers, borne well above the foliage, are of medium size; petals quilled or shell-like, standing well out from each other, without stiffness. Color, creamy white; petals heavily bordered with dark crimson, entirely unique and unlike any other Dahlia.

Roots, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12.

NEW DAHLIA "AMERICAN FLAG."

A most distinct show variety; flowers not too large; petals quilled in centre, opening in shell form. Color snow-white, with a prominent border of brilliant cherry red on each side of the petals, and occasionally a centre line of same color. **Roots, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12.**

VARIEGATED-LEAVED DAHLIA.

The foliage is most beautifully edged, splashed and marked with **pure white**, some of the leaves nearly entirely so; very decorative; flower large, deep red; plant dwarf.

Green plants, March 15th, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12.

NEW AMERICAN SEEDLING CACTUS DAHLIAS.

RED AND BLACK.—Large flowers, very deep red, margined with deep maroon, almost black, petals regular and somewhat cup-shaped; foliage dark green and beautifully serrated.

WM. AGNEW.—Larger than King of Cactus, flowers frequently measuring 6 inches in diameter, color rich dazzling red, double to the centre, outer petals very long and beautifully twisted, occasionally marked with a clear yellow band through the centre; strong and vigorous.

SUNLIGHT.—Very pale lemon, perfect form, clear, deep and full, outer petals reflexed; strong grower and profuse bloomer; flowers 6½ inches.

FIRE-BALL.—Clear yellow tipped and pencilled with soft reddish pink; flowers large and of most beautiful form; quite new and distinct.

ORIENTAL.—Large, rich pale salmon flowers, perfectly double, fine form, petals of exquisite glossy finish, broad and regular; flowers 5½ inches in diameter; entirely distinct.

NEW SEEDLING SHOW DAHLIAS.

BUFF-PINK.—An entirely new color; clear buff, petals heavily tipped with pink and edged with royal purple; flowers almost perfect globes; early and profuse bloomer; quite dwarf.

MISS FLORENCE SHEARER.—Very beautiful clear soft lilac of exquisite finish; perfectly double; by far the finest of its class; distinct in color; dwarf, profuse bloomer.

ZEPHYR.—Fawn tipped peach and edged with deeper color, and an entirely new combination of shades and tints; flowers 4½ inches in diameter; profuse bloomer; dwarf.

GOLDEN BALL.—Pure, deep yellow, sometimes shaded and tinted with pink and gold, large and very double, strong grower, profuse bloomer.

NEW DOUBLE TOM THUMB DAHLIA.—Grows but 10 to 12 inches high; very valuable for bedding or for growing in pots. Flowers stand well above the foliage, produced in endless quantity. Pure golden yellow, tipped and lightly margined red. Flowers last on the plants for fully two weeks.

Price of all the above American Seedling Dahlias in strong plants, ready March 15th, 40 cents each; \$3.50 per 12; \$20 per 100.



Chlidanthus.

New Hemerocallis Aurantiaca Major.

This magnificent new large-flowered Hemerocallis was first introduced this year and is sure to become one of our leading hardy new garden plants.

The beautiful illustration in the *Gardeners' Chronicle* shows it to be a flower of enormous size, twice as large as any other of the class, and in color it is a deep pure golden yellow. It is also a more vigorous grower and freer bloomer; hence, when more plentiful, will take the place of all other Day Lilies. Price, 50 cents each; \$5 per 12.



Golden Spider Lily.

CHLIDANTHUS.

Yellow, sweet-scented flowers are always appreciated. This one is a gem, indeed, not new, but scarce in this country. We've grown it by the tens of thousands and do know why. The flowers are borne in dense clusters during the summer months; they are of a rich yellow, often 3 or 4 inches in length, and of exquisite fragrance. We recently sold 10,000 to one firm, and under another name its fragrance will be just as sweet. We recommend it.

Price, 20 cents; \$1 per 12; \$6 per 100.

THE GOLDEN SPIDER LILY.

LYCORIS AUREA.

Twenty and even fifty dollars have been paid for the **Yellow Calla**, yet we have here a **GOLDEN SPIDER LILY**, quite as unique, just as beautiful, and produces twenty times as many flowers. So highly is it thought of in Europe that it was colored-plated in *The Garden*, and twice illustrated in other prominent journals, when it flowered at the Royal Kew Gardens. It is indeed a glorious flower! Large bunches of **golden yellow** flowers with very long stamens, apparently artificial and well deserving the name of Golden Lily. Price, 30 cents each; \$2.50 per 12; \$15 per 100. These prices are just one-fourth those quoted abroad.

HEDYCHIUM CORONARIUM.

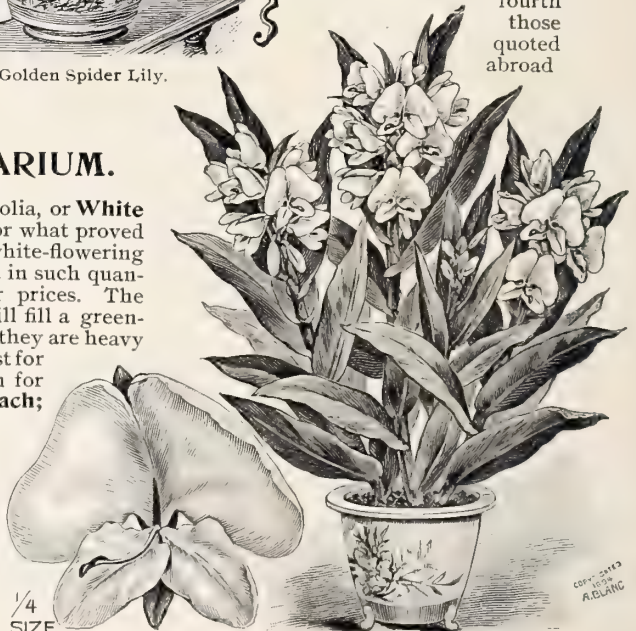
Under the name of *Myrosma Cannæfolia*, or **White Canna**, we paid \$250 per 100 last year for what proved to be this very fine, sweet-scented, white-flowering tuberous plant. We have propagated it in such quantities that we now offer it at popular prices. The flowers are so sweet that a single one will fill a greenhouse with its fragrance, and, moreover, they are heavy in texture, like an *Eucharis*, and will last for several weeks. An excellent companion for growing with Cannas. Price, 25 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$10 per 100.

AMARYLLIS HALLII.

The rare pink hardy *Amaryllis*. 40 cents; \$3 per 12; \$20 per 100.

SEND FOR OUR WHOLESALE LIST OF SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

A. BLANC & CO., Philad'a.



Myrosma (Hedychium Coronarium).

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THE STRAWBERRY RASPBERRY.

(RUBUS SORBIFOLIUS?)

A DWARF RASPBERRY—ENTIRELY DISTINCT—LEAVES LIKE THE ROSE.
 FLOWERS LARGE, SNOW WHITE. FRUITS EARLY, FIRST YEAR.
 BERRIES BORNE UPRIGHT, WELL OUT OF FOLIAGE.
 SHAPED LIKE A STRAWBERRY. COLOR BRILLIANT RED.
 DELICIOUS IN FLAVOR. EXTREMELY ABUNDANT.
 IN LONG SUCCESSION. PERFECTLY HARDY.
 DECORATIVE FOR GARDEN. FINE AS A POT PLANT.
 HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. ENTIRELY NEW,
 AND SURE TO PLEASE.

This fine and novel fruit is a beautiful **Dwarf Raspberry**, growing only 15 to 18 inches high, spreading considerable, soon forming dense clumps of solid foliage.

The plant itself is handsome; its bright green foliage resembles that of the rose. The large, pure white, waxy-like flowers, with snow-white stamens, are even larger than a single rose, and produced in great abundance.

It is, therefore, sufficiently showy to be grown in pots, as they bear flowers and fruit when quite small, and for a long time and in this shape make fine little decorative specimens for the table. In the garden, it is beautiful when in bloom.

The fruits, produced very early in the season, stand upright, well out of the foliage, and thus easily gathered. They are of the size and shape of a large strawberry, and entirely distinct from



any other Raspberry. In developing, they pass from pale green through amber and orange, to a brilliant and shining red. These beautiful berries, glowing against the handsome green foliage, produce a most striking color effect. Their flavor is most

delicious and unique, whether eaten fresh, or cooked, or as preserves, differing from that of any fruit known. Bush dies down in winter, hence, is perfectly hardy, without protection. In the spring it grows up more luxuriant than ever. Plant can be divided and transplanted for propagation. Of Japanese origin, and apparently unknown to botanists. Sure to become popular, as several influential seedsmen will boom it this season. Highly commended in *Horticultural Trade Journal* and others. Our stock



The Strawberry Raspberry. Electro, \$3.

Price, 25 cents each; \$1 per 12; \$5 per 100; \$45 per 1000.
 Field-grown plants, double price. Large Colored Plates, \$2 per 100; \$15 per 1000.
 Price, 1s. each; 8s. per 12; £2 per 100.

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

THE BISMARCK APPLE.

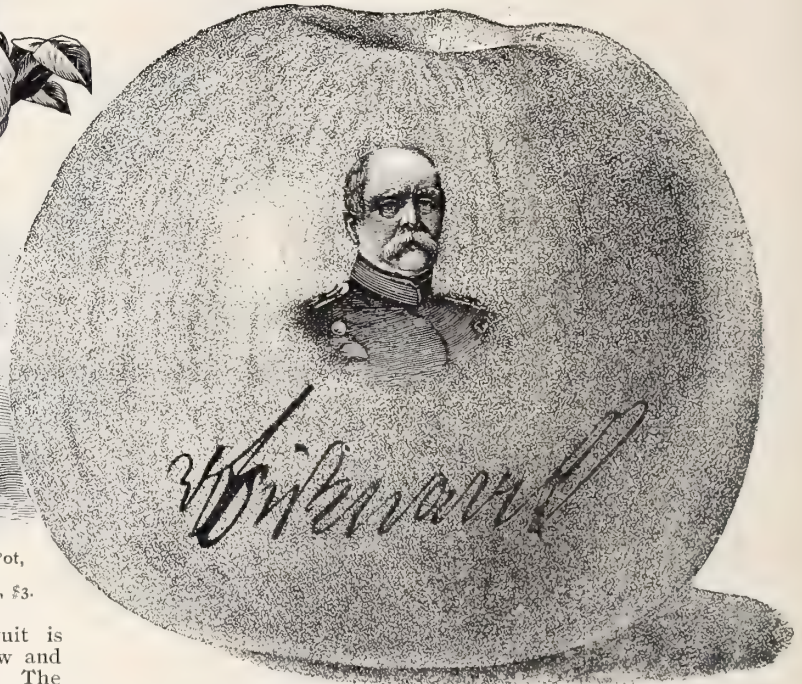
**Bears Fruit on One-Year Graft.
Finest Quality, Finest Color—Dwarf and
Extremely Prolific.
Most Suitable Apple for Hot Climate, yet the
Hardest known.**

This most valuable new Apple, introduced from New Zealand a few years ago through the agency of a celebrated Arboretum in Germany, promises to take the place of almost every other Apple grown in this country and abroad. It has already been fully tested in Russia, Germany, France, England, United States and Canada, and wherever grown it has proved a most astonishing revelation, not only in high quality, but also in hardiness, and especially in earliness of fruiting. A prominent French firm boldly asserts that one-year grafts bore as many as eight fruits! That it is an excessive bearer, and not only extremely hardy, but also the **only** Apple suitable for **hot** climates. Owing to its beautiful appearance and excellent quality it is, perhaps, the most desirable and valuable Apple that has ever been introduced. Not only are new trees of this variety being planted in various parts of England, says *The Garden*, but old orchards are being extensively engrafted with this showy Apple.



Two-year-old Specimen, grown in Pot,
from Photograph. Electro, £3.
Electro same Tree grown in Ground, £3.

The color of the fruit is a beautiful golden yellow and its size is the largest. The trees bear most profusely, and the showy fruits are eagerly sought after, always bringing the highest market price, being one of the earliest to ripen and keeping well into March. As a dessert Apple it has no equal, owing to its distinct and most delicious flavor. It is also found especially suitable for cooking purposes, and, owing to its bearing fruit when only one or two years old, it has been grown in large quantities as a **pot plant for table and greenhouse decoration.**



Average Specimen of Bismarck Apple. Electro, \$2.50.

THE BISMARCK APPLE.

Excellent for Fruiting in Small Pots.

This remarkable Apple has been commented upon at great length by the horticultural press of the world, being always praised and recommended. After watching it for some time, and seeing that it was of the greatest value, we paid \$2.50 each for small grafts, and have now accumulated a stock that we can offer at very low rates, considering that last year we sold blocks of thousands at **\$325 per 1,000**, and have just taken an order from one house for 10,000 trees.



Bismarck Apple Trees in Fruit, Two Years from Grafting. From a Photo Taken in a German Arboretum. Electro, \$5. Any part at Reduced Price.

Price NOW for strong, one-year-old budded trees, is 50 cents each; \$3 per 12;
\$12 per 100; \$100 per 1000.

FOR SALE BY

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

THE LOGAN BERRY, A Thornless Raspberry-Blackberry.



The Greatest Novelty in Fruit of the Century.

This berry is unlike any in previous existence—a hybrid between the Raspberry and the Blackberry. The fruit is as large as the largest blackberry, and is produced in immense clusters. The color is a clear dark red, pleasing to the eye. It partakes of the flavor of both the blackberry and the raspberry—a mild, pleasant, vinous flavor, delicious and peculiar to this berry alone. Excellent for all purposes. Seeds small, soft and few. Berries very firm and carry well. Vine or cane strong grower, 10 feet and more in a season; enormous bearer. Fruit ripens early, just after strawberries, nearly all being gone before blackberries or raspberries become plentiful. Always sells at a high price. It has produced fruits in the greenhouses in January on young plants not over eight inches high, grown in three-inch pots, every blossom setting a fruit. Would be valuable for early forcing. Vine is rust-proof and without objectionable thorns. Never attacked by insects or disease.

Price for pot-grown plants or rooted tips, \$1 each; \$6 per 12; \$25 per 100.

Electro, as shown above, \$5; one-half at \$3. Electro of plant, \$2. Electro from woodcut, 5 x 3, \$2.50. Single Berry, 75c. Electro free when ordered in quantity. A. BLANC & CO., PHILADA.

THE LOGAN BERRY.

A RASPBERRY-BLACKBERRY.

The Greatest Novelty in Fruit of the Century.

The Finest Berry ever Produced. It has no Equal.

Several years ago, Judge J. H. Logan, of Santa Cruz, had growing in his garden plants of the Aughinbaugh blackberry and Red Antwerp raspberry; the plants, being near each other, had grown together. The Judge, having noticed that the plants bloomed and ripened their fruit together, conceived the idea of planting the seeds, from which resulted the production of the Logan Berry. He is entitled to the credit of the origination of this noble fruit, and from him it derives its name—a perpetual and lasting monument—which will place his name beside those of Longworth, Hovey, Wilson and other eminent originators of new varieties of fruit. The Judge has even done more, as he produced a fruit or berry entirely **unlike any in previous existence**—a hybrid or mixture of two fruits partaking of the characteristics of both its parents.

The vine or cane of the Logan Berry grows entirely unlike either the blackberry or the raspberry. It is an exceedingly strong grower, making a growth of **ten feet in one season**. The canes or vines are very large, without the thorns of the blackberry bushes, but have very fine soft spines, very much like those found on raspberry bushes; leaves more like those of the raspberry than blackberry, of a deep green color, coarse and thick.

The fruit is as large as the largest sized blackberry, is of the same form and shape, with large globules similar to that fruit; color, when fully ripe, a dark bright red. It partakes of the flavors of both the blackberry

and the raspberry, having a very mild, pleasant, vinous flavor, delightful to the taste, not found in any other fruit, but peculiar to this alone. It is excellent for the table, eaten raw or stewed, and for jelly or jam is without an equal. The seeds are *very small, soft and not abundant*, and, therefore, entirely unlike the objectionable seeds of both parents. The fruit is *extremely firm and carries well*. The vines are *enormous bearers*, and the fruit commences to ripen very early, the bulk, or nearly all, being ripe and gone before blackberries and raspberries become plentiful, filling in a place just ahead of these fruits and coming in immediately after strawberries. They sold readily in the San Francisco market for 80 cents to \$1 per drawer, when strawberries were bringing only 20 to 25 cents.

The Logan Berry has been thoroughly tested for several years, and we are fully satisfied that it deserves all the praise bestowed upon it. When extensively planted and very generally grown, it will take its place and become one of the leading berries of this country. Its earliness, beautiful appearance, superior quality and delightful flavor, together with its firmness and good carrying qualities, will make it sell in the market for more than any other berry known.



The Logan Berry.

THE LOGAN BERRY APPROVED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Prof. E. J. Wickson, Associate Professor of Agriculture, and author of "California Fruits and How to Grow Them," writes as follows, in Bulletin 103, of the Experiment Station of the University of California:

The Logan Berry.—This fruit, which appears to be a cross between a cultivated red raspberry and the Aughinbaugh (a variety of the California wild blackberry), was grown by Judge J. H. Logan, of Santa Cruz, Cal., from seed, in 1884. He had the berries named above in adjacent rows and took his seed from such association. The result is a berry of unique and striking characteristics. The fruit is sometimes an inch and one-quarter long, dark red, with the shape of a blackberry, the color of a raspberry, and a combination of the flavors of both. It is a great acquisition to the berries on the market, hard and a good shipper, and has been successfully marketed in quantities by James Waters, of Watsonville, Cal. It has fruited on the experiment grounds three years. The foliage seems to be rust-proof, and no disease has been noticed on the plant.

We bought the entire stock of this remarkable berry for Eastern distribution, paying what some parties thought "a fabulous price" for it; but we are not regretting our bargain. It is certainly the most amazing grower, the hardest fruit ever seen and the earliest in the market. Plants grown in three-inch pots commenced to bear fruit indoors in January, even when but a few inches high. Our Mr. Winter, who has had long experience in growing small fruits, says there is a fortune in it for the man who will grow it in quantity. *Garden and Forest* published a fine illustration and a very lengthy article on this valuable introduction.

Price for Strong-rooted tips, \$1 each; \$6 per 12; \$25 per 100.

We intend to grow 100,000 of these berries, and will quote special prices for large quantities.

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

Price, 4 shillings each; 18 shillings per 12; £5 per 100.

Cable Address, BLANC, Philadelphia.

Other Specialties.—*The Bismarck Apple*, \$12.50 per 100. *The Strawberry-Raspberry*, \$10 per 100. *The Golden Mayberry*, \$10 per 100. *The Stanley Raspberry*, price on application.

“Japanese Golden Mayberry.”



A Raspberry which ripens its fruit before Strawberries.

The earliest Raspberry ever known. The berries are of a golden straw color, as large as Cuthbert, and ripen here in April, a month before *Hansell*, before strawberries, and before the earliest of the standard Raspberries of the past have hardly awakened from their winter rest. The bushes are distinct from all others, growing like trees, 6 to 8 feet high, with spreading tops; and all along the branches large, white, well-shaped blossoms are pendent, which are soon followed by the great, sweet, glossy, golden, semi-translucent berries. The plants, when well established, will surprise one with their abundance of fruit.

The history of this variety is as follows: Some ten years ago I requested my collector in Japan to hunt up the best wild Raspberries, Blackberries and Strawberries that could be found. Several curious species were received the next season, and among them a red and also a dingy yellow unproductive variety of *Rubus palmatus*. One of these plants, though bearing only a few of the most worthless, tasteless, dingy yellow berries I have ever seen, was selected solely on account of its unusual earliness, to cross with Cuthbert and other well-known raspberries. Among the seedlings raised from this plant was this one, and, though no signs of the Cuthbert appear, yet it can hardly be doubted that Cuthbert pollen has effected some of the wonderful improvements to be seen in this new variety.¹¹—From Mr. Burbank's Catalogue.

Price, fine plants from 3-inch pots, 25 cents each; \$2 per 12; \$6 per 100; \$50 per 1000.

Strong field-grown plants, 40 cents each; \$4 per 12; \$12 per 100; \$120 per 1000.

Electro, \$5. Any part at reduced price.

VITIS COIGNETIÆ.

CRIMSON GLORY VINE.

From The Garden: "For autumn coloring this vine is unique, its leaves changing to the most glowing crimson. In it we get both beauty of form and habit and superb leaf coloring. It is one of the finest additions in the way of a vine, and has been exhibited a few times, and always compelled admiration. If I were allowed only one vine, I should select this, for

Its handsome broad foliage, which turns to brilliant crimson ere it falls, and creates a garden picture of intense coloring and attractiveness. We have a noble climber in this vine."

From Garden and Forest: "Considerable interest in this plant has been aroused in England since it has become known that it is the same as a vine which has been in the collection of Mr. Anthony Waterer, at Knap Hill, many years, and which, while it has delighted everyone who has seen it in its brilliant autumn colors, has persistently refused to be propagated. The Knap Hill plant is an enormous specimen, and clammers over a building and an old tree-trunk, and the brilliant red of its thousands of large leathery leaves in September or October is worth going a long way to see."

A well-known English amateur, who has lately seen the plant at Knap Hill, came to Kew to inquire about it, for, to use his own language, he "could not sleep since he saw the plant, and was informed that he could not obtain a specimen of it."

The information recently published in *Garden and Forest* concerning V. Coignetiae has this week been copied in the *Gardener's Chronicle*. The plant is certain to become a favorite here.

From the Gardener's Chronicle, January 6, 1894: "Now we are told by Mr. Watson that it is probable that the grand old vine in Mr. Waterer's nursery at Knap Hill, which in autumn assumes such a glorious red color, is really this Vitis Coignetiae. Mr. Waterer, we believe, has hitherto been unable to propagate the vine in question, but at Kew there are several young plants of Vitis Coignetiae, so that

WE MAY HOPE IT WILL SOON BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED."

From The Garden: "This large-leaved vine has attracted a great deal of attention within the last year or two.

"The gorgeous autumn display furnished by a large vine at Knap Hill has been told over and over again."

"It will serve to direct attention to the great beauty of these large leaved vines, which will lend themselves to many bold arrangements."

From Gardener's Chronicle: "The note upon this vine will, I think, give a clue to the identification of that beautiful autumn tinted vine which for years has been a nameless species in the Knap Hill nursery, and has puzzled so many as regards its identity. I have a leaf before me gathered at the end of September, and it still retains (January 6th) its rich crimson tint, and is as perfect as when gathered, but the drawback to it is that it is so difficult to propagate."

There can be no two opinions about the ornamental character of the Knap Hill vine.

The beautiful way in which that vine runs over a tall Pinus Ponderosa and other big trees, entwined with wistaria, affords one of the most striking spectacles I have seen. In autumn, when its falling foliage is in full crimson glow, it alone is worth a long journey to see.—W. Golving, Kew.

From Mr. P. W. Burbidge: "It is very satisfactory to hear from several quarters that there are several stocks of this splendid vine in England, even though the difficulty of propagating it. I have never seen the vine, but I have often heard accounts of its vigor and beauty from visitors who have seen it in the waning of the year."

From the Gardener's Chronicle: "The notices which we have lately published concerning this beautiful vine have brought much correspondence concerning it. In the first place, we must accord a place of honor to the learned director of the Jardin des Plantes (Paris), Mr. Maxime Cornu, who obligingly writes to us in the following terms:

"We have cultivated at the Museum for the last eight years the magnificent vine to which you call the attention of your readers. Our plants were identified by the late Professor Planchon. The vine was brought from Japan in 1884, by Mr. Degron, who was specially commissioned by the French Government to collect specimens and seed of this interesting Vine. We were soon struck with its great vigor and the magnificent color which it assumes in winter. Our foremen called the attention of the visitors to our gardens to the plant, and spoke of it on several occasions in their public lectures."

The above are a few extracts from about twenty pages of type-written matter on the subject of this vine.

Further comment on our part is, therefore, unnecessary. Suffice it to say that we are the proud possessors of a fine stock of this exceedingly rare and hard-to-propagate vine—that we have found it perfectly hardy, and that our young plants were, indeed, a "Crimson glory."

Price, 40 cents each; \$3.50 per 12; \$20 per 100.

By post to England, 2 shillings each; 16 shillings per 12; £4 10s. per 100.

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PHYSALIS FRANCHETI (New). GIANT WINTER CHERRY.

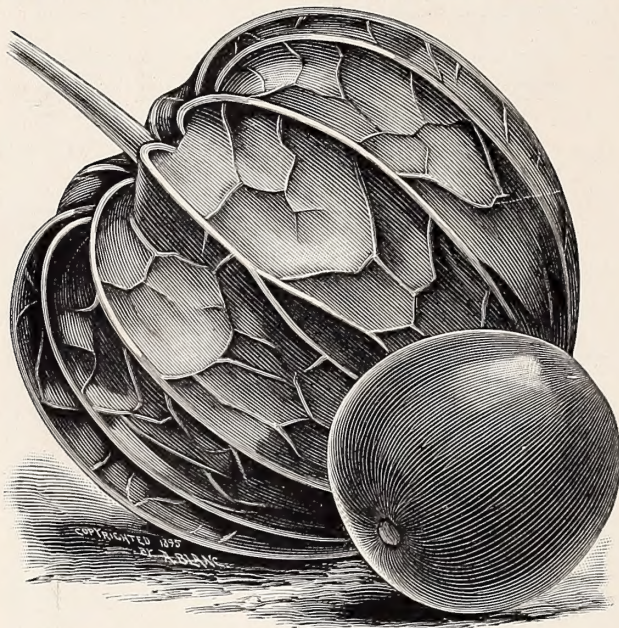
FRUIT, VEGETABLE OR ORNAMENTAL PLANT.

From the *Gardener's Chronicle*, November 3, 1894: "Our description of this fine new species of winter cherry hardly did justice to its splendid color. The calyx of the flower is at first green; but as the calyx rapidly expands to **an even LARGER size than the examples shown in our illustration** (a single specimen of which is here shown—A. B. & Co.), the color changes to pure **SULPHUR-YELLOW**. This quickly changes to **BRIGHT YELLOW**, then **ORANGE**, and at length to a **BRILLIANT ORANGE SCARLET**. The long peduncle changes in a like manner from **green** through **sulphur** to **scarlet**, and, as maturity is reached, the ovary is also **bright scarlet**. The harmonies of color—pale and dark green, sulphur, ochre, orange and scarlet—are most striking."

From *The Garden*, October 13, 1894: "This is a **remarkable plant** shown by Messrs. Veitch at the recent meeting of the R. H. S. It is really a distinct species. The shoots are very sturdy and bear a wealth of large leaves, whilst the inflated calyces are **fully THREE TIMES** the size of those of the type. Such a bold, handsome plant as this is valuable

for the beauty of its calyx in the winter months, the crimson and yellow coloring being very rich and striking. The Winter Cherry might be made more use of for winter decorations than is at present the case. The calyces last long in beauty, and look pleasing with dried grasses."

From the *Gardener's Chronicle*: "A useful fruit to use in winter decoration is the *Physalis Alkekengi*, the fruit being enclosed in a large, bright, orange-scarlet, inflated calyx. When the shoots are gathered before being damaged by wet, they last many months in condition, only losing color in a small degree. It is very handsome when arranged in tall vases with dried grasses or winter berry-bearing plants. The *Physalis* is very easy to grow in a light, warm soil. It is remarkably bright on an autumn day. A small reserved bed is worth growing in large gardens, simply to give handfuls of the bright shoots for winter decoration."



Physalis Francheti.

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From the "English Flower Garden," by Mr. W. Robinson: "The Winter Cherry is a singularly handsome plant, bearing, in autumn and winter, bright, orange-red, bladder-like calyces, which enclose the **cherry-like FRUITS**. It is a good old plant, and worth a little care as to position."

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